

Kennedy and Kent State

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Marty Kurta, 21, a senior in political science at Kent State and president of the medical fund-raising drive, said the confrontation with National Guardsmen "has changed my head forever. I know I'll never forget. It'll have a direct bearing on what I'll be about. I'm much closer to people, and I want to spread love."

Jim Russell, 23, Pittsburgh, who has a scar on his temple from a bullet graze and another on his leg, said he went to "talk and talk with a minister friend" after the shootings. "I didn't know what to do. Now I still look at the scars, sure, but I want to forget it."

"I can't keep dwelling on the details." He graduated in June and now has a part-time job, "until I figure out what to do."

Leroy Holmes, Corning, N.Y., and a senior in sociology at Kent State, said about the school's Sept. 29 opening which has been the topic of some concern: "Of course there is an overtone of pessimism on some fronts, but I think the hard core of students is committed to opening school and keeping it open. We just won't sit back."

(Most of the crowd was from Kent State; Jackson State opens Monday.)

Holmes and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Holmes Sr., were among those posing for Instamatic pictures with Sen. Kennedy, whose wife, Joan, he said, "is up in Massachusetts, campaigning up there."

Holmes Sr., an employee of the Corning Glass Co., and Mrs. Holmes were among a number of adults who said they came to the fund-raiser "because we are

concerned about our children."

"I think what happened at Kent State will be on the students' minds when school opens, and rightly so. Someone will have to answer for what happened," said the elder Holmes.

Mrs. Brian Sanders, Bethesda, a 1956 graduate of Kent State, said she came "because I am concerned about what is happening. It's hard to believe that 15 years ago the wildest thing on campus was a panty raid."

Mrs. Jack L. Carney, Akron, Ohio, said she made the trip "partly out of curiosity and partly because I come from a solid belt of hard hats. I want to know what's going on in the rest of the country, what people are thinking about and what they're saying about the Kent State killings."

"A lot of people are standing around at cocktail parties and saying the

deaths were justified. I don't think they were. I think kids need as many adults as they can get to listen to them."

The lights and sound system went out midway through the evening, but none of the mainly under 30 crowd seemed to mind.

Among the guests were Rep. and Mrs. J. William Stanton (R-Ohio), D.C. City Council Chairman and Mrs. Gilbert Hahn and former Washington Redskins player Bobby Mitchell.

As Sen. Kennedy said, "This is a student party. They arranged it all."

And as New Yorker Jack Corliss, who will be a senior in urban problems at Kent State, put it: "It certainly wasn't much fun, really. But who could think it would be?"



By Frank Johnston—The Washington Post

Kent State student Tom Grace shows his injured ankle to Sen. Kennedy.

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By Margaret Crimmins

If any of the hundreds who went to the Edward M. Kennedy house last night expected a rousing, gala party loaded with Beautiful People types, they had to be disappointed.

Instead of long, black limousines in the Kennedys' circular driveway, there were blue-and-yellow buses marked "Kent State University." Sen. Kennedy stood up in the area of his children's swing set and talked about the Kent State Medical Fund's goal of \$65,000 to assist in paying medical expenses for both Kent (Ohio)

State University students injured May 4 in confrontation with National Guardsmen and Jackson (Miss.) State University students injured May 14 in confrontations with state and local police.

According to a Kennedy aide, one student from each of the universities is paralyzed, probably for life. (Four students from Kent and two from Jackson were killed.)

Warner Buxton, president of the Jackson State student government association, asked the audience to "Care. The country needs people who care. We cannot survive

among hatred and hypocrisy."

Twenty-year-old Tom Grace got around the Kennedy estate on crutches. He said he was shot in the ankle at Kent State. "I think it's permanently impaired."

Singer Gordon Lightfoot sang "Many are the dead men, too silent to be real" and a number of students just sat on the ground and listened quietly. There were two busloads of students from Kent and a number who hitchhiked, drove and flew in from various parts of the country.

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